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Re: Communicom Co. of Louisiana, L.P.
WLNO (AM), New Orleans, LA
Facility Identification Number: 58393
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed February 29, 2012, on behalf of Communicom Co. of Louisiana, L.P. ("CCL") CCL requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on September 7, 2011, to operate Station WLNO with reduced power.¹ In support of the request, CCL states that, in the course of reconstructing the licensed facilities, it has discovered that the transmission line to Tower #4 is severely damaged and must be replaced. Since this requires trenching through the ground radials, it will be unable to complete the work before the STA expiration date.

Requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Our review indicates that the licensee has made progress toward restoration of licensed operation, but additional time is required for completing the work. Thus, extension of STA is warranted. Based on the information provided, it appears that operation with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits, or

¹ WLNO is licensed for operation on 1060 kHz with 50 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns for its daytime and nighttime operations (DA-2-U).

operation with a temporary nondirectional antenna and reduced power, may also be required. The STA is modified appropriately.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, with modification as discussed above. Station WLNO may operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Operation with a temporary nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 12.5 kilowatts daytime and 1.25 kilowatts nighttime also is authorized, only as necessary to facilitate the repair work. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CCL must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² CCL must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **November 15, 2012**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Communicom Co. of Louisiana, L.P.

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).